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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Janene Ray on 02/25/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

2. Claim 1. (Currently Amended) In a networked environment, a method, performed in a hardware processor, for designating client properties comprising:

3. receiving a link element associated with a server, the link element including a plurality of requested client properties;

4. selecting said link element to request a document identified by the link element to be transmitted to a client; and

5. inserting at least one of said plurality of requested client properties into the request so as to allow customization of the requested document identified by the link element based on the inserted at least one of said plurality of requested client properties.

6. Claim 6. (Currently Amended) In a networked environment, a method, performed in a hardware processor, for designating

client properties comprising:

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7. receiving a link element associated with a server, the link element including a plurality of requested client properties;
 8. selecting said link element to request a document identified by the link element to be transmitted to a client; and
 9. inserting at least one of said plurality of requested client properties into the request so as to allow customization of the requested document identified by the link element based on the inserted at least one of said plurality of requested client properties, wherein said plurality of requested client properties includes at least one property that is designated as a mandatory
 10. property and at least one property that is an optional property.
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11. Claim 21. (Currently Amended) In a networked environment, a computer program product recorded on ~~computer readable medium~~ a non-transitory computer readable storage medium for designating client properties comprising:
 12. non-transitory computer readable storage medium ~~computer readable~~ means for receiving a link element associated with a server, the link element including a plurality of requested client properties;
 13. non-transitory computer readable storage medium ~~computer readable~~ means for selecting said link element to request a document identified by the link element to be transmitted to a client; and
 14. non-transitory computer readable storage medium ~~computer readable~~ means for inserting at least one of said plurality of requested client properties into the request so as to allow

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customization of the requested document identified by the link element based on the inserted at least one of said plurality of requested client properties.

15. Claim 26. (Currently Amended) In a networked environment, a computer program product recorded on ~~computer readable medium~~ a non-transitory computer readable storage medium for designating client properties comprising:

16. non-transitory computer readable storage medium ~~computer readable medium~~ means for receiving a link element associated with a server, the link element including a plurality of requested client properties;

17. non-transitory computer readable storage medium ~~computer readable medium~~ means for selecting said link element to request a document identified by the link element to be transmitted to a client; and

18. non-transitory computer readable storage medium ~~computer readable medium~~ means for inserting at least one of said plurality of requested client properties into the request so as to allow customization of the requested document identified by the link element based on the inserted at least one of said plurality of requested client properties, wherein said plurality of requested client properties includes at least one property that is designated as a mandatory property and at least one property that is an optional property.

19. Claim 27. (Currently Amended) The program product of Claim 21, wherein said ~~computer readable~~ non-transitory computer readable storage medium means for inserting comprises:

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20. ~~computer readable~~ non-transitory computer readable storage medium means for selecting ones of the plurality of requested client properties included in the link element; and

21. ~~computer readable~~ non-transitory computer readable storage medium means for determining whether selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties are available to be transmitted.

22. Claim 28. (Currently Amended) The program product of Claim 27, wherein said ~~computer readable~~ non-transitory computer readable storage medium means for selecting further comprises ~~computer readable~~ non-transitory computer readable storage medium means for expanding a wild card property.

23. Claim 29. (Currently Amended) The program product of Claim 27 further comprising: ~~computer readable~~ non-transitory computer readable storage medium means for prompting a user whether to transmit the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties if it is determined that at least one of the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties is available to be transmitted; and

24. ~~computer readable~~ non-transitory computer readable storage medium means for transmitting the request without at least one of the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties if the user indicates the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties are not to be sent.

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25. Claim 30. (Currently Amended) The program product of Claim 27, further comprising ~~computer readable~~ non-transitory computer readable storage medium means for terminating the request if it is determined that at least one of the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties is not available to be transmitted and the at least one of the selected ones of the plurality of requested client properties that is not available to be transmitted is a mandatory property.

26. Claim 45. (Currently Amended) The program product of Claim 26, further comprising ~~computer readable~~ non-transitory computer readable storage medium means for transmitting the request without at least one of the at least one property that is an optional property irrespective of whether the optional property is available for transmission.

Amendment to the specification starting on Page 7, line 1.

In the depicted example, a server 104 is connected to network 102 along with storage Unit 106. In addition, a group of cooperating web servers CWSs 109 is connected to network 102. Clients 108, 110, and 112 also are connected to a network 102. These clients 108, 110, and 112 may be, for example, personal computers or network computers. For purposes of this application, a network computer is any computer, coupled to a network, which receives a program or other application from another computer coupled to the network. In the depicted example, server 104 provides data, such as boot files, operating system images, and applications to clients 108-112. Clients 108, 110, and 112 are clients to server 104. For the purposes of this description, a non-

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transitory computer readable storage medium can be any apparatus that can contain or store, programs and/or code for use by or in connection with processor, apparatus or devices. Examples of a non-transitory computer readable storage medium include a semiconductor or solid state memory, magnetic tape, a removable computer diskette, a random access memory (RAM), a read-only memory (ROM), a rigid magnetic disk and an optical disk. Current examples of optical disks include compact disk - read only memory (CD-ROM), compact disk - read/write (CD-R/W) and DVD. Users located at these clients may, for example, without limitation, access various resources through browsers.

27. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Claims 1, 2, 5 – 12, 15 – 22, 25 – 30, 32, 34 and 36 – 45 are allowed for reasons given by the Board of Patent Appeals and Interference's decision rendered 10/23/2009, see reasons in decision.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DAVID E. ENGLAND whose telephone number is (571)272-3912. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon-Thur, 7:30-5:30.

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